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## Remarks

**Status of the claims.** Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 USC 112.

**Rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.**

(1) The examiner rejected claim 1 and claim 10 because the term "hydroxyazapirones" was indefinite. The applicants adopted the examiner's suggestion and replaced the term with "a hydroxyazapirone."

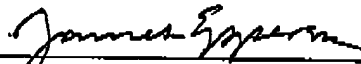
(2) The examiner rejected claim 1 because the term "alkaline" earth metal cation was indefinite as to the second valence of the alkaline earth metal. The term has been deleted.

(3) The examiner rejected claim 10 as indefinite for not having a definition of  $M^{\oplus}$ . The claim was amended to define  $M^{\oplus}$  as an alkali earth metal as in amended claim 1.

The applicants believe the application is now in allowable form and respectfully request favorable reconsideration. If any issues remain regarding the allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the applicants' agent, James Epperson, by phone (203-677-6974), fax (203-677-6900), or e-mail (james.epperson@bms.com).

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